

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A cool air circulating blower for a refrigerator, comprising:
a blowing fan that blows cool air upwardly;
a shroud having a central hole formed therethrough and disposed horizontally for
guiding air flow, the blowing fan being positioned within the central hole of the shroud;
a motor mounted below the blowing fan and connected to the blowing fan via a
rotating shaft of the motor; and

a draining device provided at the shroud that guides condensed water obtained by
condensation of moisture in the cool air that has dropped onto the shroud conveys the
condensed water to places other than the motor,

wherein the shroud further comprises a bell mouth provided around the central hole
in the shape of a circular groove that guides the flow of the cool air, and

~~The blower as set forth in claim 12,~~ wherein the draining ~~means~~ device comprises
a draining groove ~~formed~~ provided at one side on the circumference of the bell mouth in
the longitudinal direction of the shroud, the draining groove communicating with ~~the~~ a
bottom surface of the bell mouth.

14. (Currently Amended) A cool air circulating blower for a refrigerator, comprising:
a blowing fan that blows cool air upwardly;

a shroud having a central hole formed therethrough and disposed horizontally for guiding air flow, the blowing fan being positioned within the central hole of the shroud;

a motor mounted below the blowing fan and connected to the blowing fan via a rotating shaft of the motor; and

a draining device provided at the shroud that guides condensed water obtained by condensation of moisture in the cool air that has dropped onto the shroud and conveys the condensed water to places other than the motor.

wherein the shroud further comprises a bell mouth provided around the central hole in the shape of a circular groove that guides the flow of the cool air, and

~~The blower as set forth in claim 12,~~ wherein the draining ~~means~~ device comprises a pair of draining grooves ~~formed~~ provided at the opposite sides on the circumference of the bell mouth in the longitudinal direction of the shroud, the draining ~~groove~~ grooves communicating with ~~the a~~ bottom surface of the bell mouth.

15. (Currently Amended) The blower as set forth in claim 13 wherein ~~the a~~ bottom surface of the draining ~~groove~~ grooves is flush with the bottom surface of the bell mouth.

16. (Currently Amended) The blower as set forth in claim 13 wherein ~~the a~~ bottom surface of the draining ~~groove~~ grooves is inclined downwardly in ~~the a~~ radial direction of the bell mouth.

17. (Currently Amended) The blower as set forth in claim 13 wherein the draining ~~means~~ device further comprises a draining surface connected to the draining ~~groove~~ grooves, the draining surface being inclined downwardly in ~~the a~~ radial direction of the bell mouth.

18. (Currently Amended) The blower as set forth in claim 17, wherein the draining surface has a front end and a rear end inclined more steeply than the front end, whereby the condensed water is guided to the rear end of the draining surface and then flows down along the wall of an outer case ~~in case that~~ when the shroud is disposed in a flow channel defined between the outer case and an inner case, and the front end of the draining surface is disposed closest to the inner case and the rear end of the draining surface is disposed closest to the outer case.

19. (Original) The blower as set forth in claim 18, wherein the draining surface has a gradual downward inclination from the front end of the draining surface to the rear end of the draining surface.